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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices in the major terminal markets were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Food service and retail demand improved slightly going into the weekend but was still only reported as light to moderate. Supplies were slightly more available and were at least sufficient to satisfy trade requirements. In the parts structure, demand was mostly light to fair with trading usually from regular suppliers. Cutlets were in a better position but still adequate to available. Wings were close balanced to well cleared. Dark meat interest had slowed with supplies at least adequate for needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

**PRELIMINARY REPORT** Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 23-JUL-2007 (cents per lb)

US Grade A

(Including branded product)

Areas	Majority	Range	Wtd Avg	Loads
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	75.00-78.00	60.00-87.00	76.55	30
New York	79.00-82.00			
Los Angeles	88.00			
<b>Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent</b>				
Mississippi	79.00-82.00	70.00-88.00	80.97	89

**GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 81.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

### **PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT**

LOADS	RANGE	WTD AVG
926	78.00 – 83.00	81.04
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed PRELIMINARY weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000) POUNDS
LINE RUN TENDERS	204.50	1,185
BREASTS - B/S	180.00	4,974
BREASTS - WHOLE	106.50	1,108
THIGH MEAT - B/S	113.00	998
LEG QUARTERS	51.50	7,654
WINGS	131.00	2,419

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**MIDWEST REGION** Preliminary delivered majority prices were unchanged into the Chicago market. Whole broiler/fryer market tone continued steady. Offerings were light to moderate, trade limited. Retail and food service movement covered the full range; best into scattered retail features, fast food and special events. Floor stocks were adequate; weights mostly desirable. Parts inquiry was good on wings, which were in close balance; limited trade on the balance of parts, of which supplies were adequate for trade needs. The market tone was barely steady, undertone weak on breast cuts and steady all other parts.

**WESTERN REGION** The preliminary majority prices were unchanged throughout the region. Early trading reported for next week's deliveries were at unchanged to lower prices. Offerings were adequate to ample to cover full needs. Retailer demand was moderate overall best where promoted. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. Trade sentiments were about steady on parts, with some breasts items in the weakest position.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was steady, but somewhat cautious. Demand was light to moderate and usually limited to regular buyers or commitments. Supplies were sufficient for current trade needs. However, a few heavy sizes were noted as available. In the parts structure, demand was slightly improved going into the weekend, but overall movement was no better than moderate. Cutlets were fully adequate, dark meat items were usually adequate with interest slowing at some locations. Wings were clearing and movement was fairly good. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers increased slightly under normal weekend demand and ranged light to moderate. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. Fast food interest was fair to moderate. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate and slow to clear in some instances; bone-in breast and most dark meat cuts were at least sufficient for current needs. Wings were about adequate to adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light to moderate entering the weekend. Offerings were sufficient to more than sufficient for trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mixed, but noted as mostly desirable. Processor schedules were mostly moderate, spot instances of heavy when combined with operations planned for this Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices remained unchanged at 81 to 92 cents. Trade sentiment was steady with some caution noted. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to available. Wings were adequate to well cleared. Most dark meat items were usually adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FORM DELMARVA

### **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	73-93
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	07/16/07-07/20/07
	07/17/06-07/21/06
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	07/16/07-07/20/07
	07/17/06-07/21/06
	(A)

(A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER PARTS** F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS). TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME. CENTS PER POUND.

Jul 19, 2007					Jul 20, 2007				
ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJ	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000) WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S		TOO FEW TO REPORT			652	130.00-195.00	-	148.14	3,201 150.94
TENDERLOINS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			144	110.00-200.00	-	132.01	887 130.36
BREAST - LINE RUN		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			525 95.17
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			315 78.75
LEGS	206	52.00-70.00	57-58	57.65		TOO FEW TO REPORT			788 58.01
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	520	40.00-49.00	43-45	44.58	550	40.00-48.00	43-45	43.78	2,673 44.11
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	792	44.00-53.00	47-49	47.96	799	42.00-52.00	47-48	47.62	4,163 47.95
WINGS (WHOLE)	290	110.00-128.00	-	121.00	280	110.00-128.00	-	120.39	1,410 120.48
WINGS (CUT)		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			545 134.91
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT			101	62.00-74.00	-	62.49	300 59.48
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			309 60.53
B/S THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT			356 105.70
WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS				
TRADING FOR Jul 19, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR Jul 20, 2007 -- F.O.B. DOCK.				
RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE			RANGE		TODAY'S AVERAGE		5-DAY AVERAGE
59.00 - 66.00		62.24			57.50 - 64.50		60.39		61.60

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying interest increased slightly and was noted as no better than fair entering the weekend. Supplies of boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate; bone-in breasts were more than sufficient for current needs. Wings were adequate to well cleared. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate for the mostly light and unaggressive buyer interest. Movement through retail and distributive channels was fair. The market tone was barely steady for boneless skinless breast; generally steady for the balance of items.

Trucklot ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

Jul 19, 2007				Jul 20, 2007			
ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL /LBS	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	160	157.61	690,712	160	156.55	522,820	159.55 3,188,324
TENDERLOINS	140	143.92	148,760	140	141.75	138,000	141.16 712,436
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	95.52	123,720	92-93	97.47	66,520	97.55 434,400
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	92.92	86,400	92	93.09	79,200	93.07 437,160
LEGS	63-64	65.88	141,400	63-64	67.22	65,600	64.26 742,200
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	50-51	51.21	262,360	50-51	52.03	166,880	50.51 1,274,840
DRUMSTICKS	66-67	69.43	57,160	66-67	67.46	86,960	66.96 452,747
THIGHS	53-54	62.10	53,480	53-54	63.53	49,880	62.26 351,019
B/S THIGHS	110-111	113.87	71,500	110-111	110.37	54,880	111.83 342,740
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	130.18	147,560	129-130	131.10	112,280	127.40 782,473
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.15	19,840	10-12	10.77	12,400	11.03 71,720
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	36.38	9,120	35-40	37.82	4,320	36.56 34,520
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	55.17	20,800	50-55	53.74	25,320	54.09 110,880

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, RI, AND PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

#### ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS

	ESTIMATED (1,000)		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS		ACTUAL (1,000)		AVG WTS
	07/20	07/19	07/18	07/17	07/18	07/17	07/13	07/11	
Alabama	3,861	3,948	3,837	3,918	5.54	5.50	4,041	5.51	
Arkansas	4,892	5,589	5,219	5,415	5.36	5.37	5,265	5.31	
Delmarva	2,488	2,217	2,251	2,171	5.78	5.88	2,771	5.75	
KY-LA-TN	2,134	2,401	2,369	2,376	5.03	5.05	2,550	5.06	
Mississippi	3,517	3,121	2,958	3,012	5.61	5.61	3,347	5.63	
North Carolina	3,204	2,721	2,733	2,639	6.71	6.76	2,838	6.81	
Texas	2,452	2,452	2,505	2,495	5.17	5.30	2,482	5.19	
Total	22,548	22,449	21,872	22,026	5.58	5.59	23,294	5.58	
Mon-Fri	111,721(A)						110,773(A)		
Saturday	1,859 (included in total for date shown)						1,907		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 20-Jul-07 and 21-Jul-07 is estimated to be 33,734,000 head down 3.49 percent from a week ago and down -1.10 percent from a year ago. (Last week 34,955,000, last year 34,108,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 21-Jul-07 is estimated to be 165,825,000 head down 0.68 percent from a week ago, and up 1.83 percent from a year ago. (Last week 166,955,000, last year 162,843,000) Actual data incorporated when available.

#### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	92-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	109-118
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

#### SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	124
	DRY PACK	123
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	111
	ICE PACK	135
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	95
	ICE PACK	109
DUCKS		185-204

**YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 14-July-07 Under Federal Inspection (Preliminary)

	-----Thousands-----				
	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	
	<b>4.25 lbs</b>	<b>4.26 -</b>	<b>6.26 -</b>	<b>7.76 lbs</b>	
	<b>&amp; down</b>	<b>6.25 lbs</b>	<b>7.75 lbs</b>	<b>&amp; up</b>	<b>Total</b>
Head	43,108	76,785	33,473	13,589	166,955
Avg Live Wgt	3.70	5.41	6.98	8.16	5.51
% of total /1	26%	46%	20%	8%	100%
<i>Comparisons</i>					
Last week	39,277	76,255	25,763	7,020	148,315
Avg Live Wgt	3.53	5.35	7.01	8.25	5.29
% of total /1	26%	51%	17%	6%	100%
Year Ago 2/	51,395	66,192	27,851	15,060	160,498
Avg Live Wgt	3.89	5.72	7.07	8.18	5.34
% of total /1	32%	41%	17%	9%	100%

To date/2007 1,198,736 2,249,812 686,204 326,435 4,461,187  
 To date/2006 1,303,332 2,184,631 624,967 389,005 4,501,935

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.

(B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.

(C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors.

(D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION**

(PRELIMINARY)	<b>YOUNG</b>	<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>HEAVY</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	
W/E 14-Jul-2007	<b>CHICKENS</b>	<b>HENS</b>	<b>HENS</b>	<b>HENS</b>	<b>DUCKS</b>
	-----THOUSANDS-----				

Head	166,955	1,149	1,666	2,815	483
Avg Wt	5.51	3.46	8.13	6.22	6.62
Last week	148,315	1,031	1,180	2,211	433
Same wk yr ago	160,498	1,180	1,554	2,734	475
Avg Wt	5.34	3.32	7.79	5.86	6.69
To-date/2007	4,461,188	31,322	39,434	70,756	14,260
To-date/2006	4,501,935	31,804	41,042	72,846	14,230

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 170.0 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 169.0 million head, or 1.0 million less than estimated available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/****FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON**

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
	<b>SLTRD</b>	<b>AVAIL</b>	<b>PCT</b>	<b>AVG WT</b>	
<b>WEEK ENDING</b>					
June 9	166.0	168.8	98%	5.39	
16	166.2	170.1	98%	5.42	
23	170.9	170.3	100%	5.40	
30	168.3	169.5	99%	5.55	
July 7	150.1	169.1	89%	5.29	
14	169.0	170.0	99%	5.51	
Year to date	4515.3	4581.7	99%		
July 21		170.8			
28		170.3			

**BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**

Under Federal inspection

	-----Thousands-----				
<b>W/E</b>	<b>07/21/07</b>	<b>07/14/07</b>	<b>%CHG</b>	<b>07/22/06</b>	<b>%CHG</b>
Broilers	165,825	166,955 *	-0.68	162,843*	+1.83
Cattle	678	672	+01	662*	+02
Hogs	1,961	1,945	+01	1,948*	+01

\*Actual

**EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY**

For delivery the week of JULY 16, 2007

**DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

<b>ORIGIN</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>
LONG ISLAND	159-163	163-167
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	136-146	138-148
MOSTLY		

**ROASTERS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74.00-83.25	77.00-83.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	71.00-88.00	76.00-84.00

**SQUABS:**

NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64-85.05
14 OZ.	69.12-96.39
16 OZ.	74.88-106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

**CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS** Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to usually good. Supplies were balanced to instances close. Schedules full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.55-.90.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 16-JULY-2007

<b>ORIGIN</b>	<b>FROZEN</b>	<b>FRESH</b>
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

**GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION -**

DATE OF AUCTION: JULY 17, 2007

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

\*\*AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY\*\*

	<b>RANGE</b>
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.15 - 1.20
Doves	3.50 - 4.00 ea.
Pekin Ducks	2.00 - 2.25
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.70 - .80
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - 1.20
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.80 - 1.20
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.35 - .60
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40 - .60
Banty Roosters	2.00 - 3.00 ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Leghorn Roosters	1.50 - 2.00 ea.
Silkie	2.00 - 2.50 ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.30 - .40
Pigeons	2.90 - 3.25 ea.
White Pigeons	3.90 - 4.10 ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	1.30 - 1.50
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.05 - 1.30
Bunnies	1.00 - 4.00 ea.
Guinea Pigs	.75 - 3.00 ea.
Kid Goats	20.00 - 30.00 ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.15 - 1.20

**Total Coops Sold 625**

**NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET** Trading for heavy cannery were too few to report; generally unchanged on lights when compared to a week earlier. Supplies of both light and heavy cannery were generally sufficient for current needs with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were noted as normal. The undertone was steady.

Cents per pound, current negotiations, without freight cost

**LIGHT CANNER HENS  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**  
23-31 MAJORITY 26-28

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW TO REPORT

Cents per pound, current negotiation, freight cost included

**LIGHT CANNER HENS  
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)**  
24-33.5 MAJORITY 29-31

**HEAVY CANNER HENS  
(WITHOUT NECKS)**  
TOO FEW TO REPORT

#### **LIGHT TYPE HENS**

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 (POUNDS))

**EASTERN REGION** Prices were unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was mostly fair to moderate for the about adequate to adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	4-12	6-8

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Negotiations were TFEWR. Offerings were fully adequate for needs. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

**NORTH CENTRAL** Prices unchanged. Demand was light to moderate with offerings tight to adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
REMOVAL COST	0-9	4-8

#### **HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\***

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB. GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 23-Jul-07

**SOUTH CENTRAL** Trading levels were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were normal. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY** Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair to mostly moderate for the adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product was moderate. The undertone was generally steady.

	<b>RANGE</b>	<b>MAJORITY</b>
AT FARM BUYER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT
AT FARM PRODUCES LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT

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